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## Front Page photo

Senior Airman Tom Modafferi, 777th EAS AMMO, installs squibs as he builds M211 flares for U.S. and Iraqi C-130s. AMMO story on Page 5.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean



## Out and about: PERSCO

Col. Don Palandech,  
407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, visits Team Ali.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

The Ali Base Reception Control Center ribbon cutting Thursday. The RCC will process all incoming Air Force and Army servicemembers to ensure complete accountability. (From left) 407th Air Expeditionary Group PERSCO Team Chief 1st Lt. Adam Pudenz, Airmen 1st Class Matthew Wilson, Lucas Mouser, Tom Johnston and Andrew Zamudio (407th ESVS) and Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wenzell (407th ELRS).



You may have heard that the 407th Air Expeditionary Group PERSCO (Personnel Support for Contingency Operations) is moving down to the flight line. That's part true and part false.

A main responsibility of PERSCO is accounting for all in and out-bound personnel at Ali Base. That's where the new Reception Control Center, which is right behind the passenger terminal, comes into play. The RCC opened Thursday after some hard work by 407th PERSCO, the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron and the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

The RCC will welcome all Airmen and

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**PERSCO**

(Left, top) Col. Palandech discusses the future of personnel operations with Master Sgt. Juanita Sparks and 1st Lt. Adam Pudenz. (Left) Col. Palandech talks with Staff Sgt. Nicole Eisenbarth about redeployment and their families.



# Air Force leaders send holiday message

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray:

“As 2005 draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on the past year and prepare ourselves for 2006. For many of us, this season brings to mind a yearning for peace.

Unfortunately, the enemies of peace are challenging those of us who promote liberty, tolerance and respect for human rights. That is why your service is vital to our nation. In this season of gift-giving, it is one of the greatest gifts you could bestow on your countrymen.

“We have seen this gift you have generously given – and not just to America, but to all nations. You brought food, shelter and security to those whose lives were devastated by the tsunami in Asia and the Indian subcontinent. You saved lives and restored services to those who felt the immense destruction of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. You provided the conditions for the people of Afghanistan and Iraq to experience the gift of democracy. You have created the shield that protects America, flying countless sorties over our homeland. And you have given the gift of national security, by committing yourself to excellence in performing your duties in countless other ways that

do not always receive public recognition.

“This gift you give would not be possible without sacrifice. Whether active duty, Reserve, Guard, or civilian, you work under conditions that are very demanding. Some of you are separated from your families this holiday season, deployed to hazardous and austere locations. We are incredibly proud of you and your families, whose support makes your sacrifice possible.

“We are also filled with pride in those who have fallen this year while serving in our Air Force. We shall always remember the gift they gave, and keep their families in our hearts.

“But as we have given the gift of service to our country, we have received much in return. Sometimes, it has been a care package or kind note from a stranger. Or it has been the support of the communities that lie outside our gates. It has been the unspoken thanks in the exhausted eyes of someone evacuated from a disaster. But one thing is certain – we have received the gift of unwavering support from the people of this land.

“As the holidays approach, we urge all of you to reflect on the gifts you have given and received this year. We wish you the gifts of peace, health, and happiness in the coming year.”

## The proper example goes a long way

By Master Sgt. Steven Robertson

407th Air Expeditionary Group Antiterrorism/Force protection superintendent

### “SHOOTERS—Watch Your Lane!”

I’m sure all Airmen are familiar with these words, but other than combat arms instruction do they have anything to do with our everyday tasks?

In some ways this situation is related to the learning curve of becoming a good leader: Most good leaders were first good followers.

It may not be far off the mark to say there are a few Airmen spending a good deal of time here in the AOR concerned about what others are doing. The best

example that comes to mind is the current AFPT uniform wear issue.

Leadership in the AOR is well aware of recent guidelines issued by the Air Force concerning the proper wear of the AFPT uniform; however, local guidance can always be more restrictive than service-wide rules, it just can’t be less restrictive.

Good discipline is especially important in this AOR, and changing local policy to allow the

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EXAMPLE



Master Sgt. Steven Robertson

# Greetings from the chief

By Chief Master Sgt. Cindy Davis

407th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent

## CONGRATULATIONS Team Ali!

Most of you assigned to Air and Space Expeditionary Force 7/8 have reached a memorable milestone in your tour and are now closer to your homecoming than your arrival in theater.

For many, this time of the year is when you would be running up and down department store aisles trying to find those last-minute, special gifts for the loved ones in your life or making plans for that scrumptious holiday meal with relatives. This year is going to be a little different. This year, you are thousands of miles from home and loved ones, doing your part to secure a free and democratic future for the people of Iraq.

This year will be spent with your extended family; those you have come to know well over the short time we've been here, those you've spent long hours looking at through your Wiley Xs, those you've shared countless meals with at the DFAC, those you've laughed with during high times and relied upon during the lows.

The time spent here already has shown you how your fellow Airman *normally* acts, so it's during this time you should, if you haven't already done so, commit to being a good Wingman.

There may be many people away from home during the holidays for the first time, or away from young, sick or elderly family members. These stressors, which have been manageable to this point, may take on new meaning in the next few weeks. The Airman next to you may show *you* the signs of stress, anxiety and

depression. Please look for the signs, offer assistance or involve somebody you trust if you notice somebody who might need somebody to talk to. Also remember that this stress may show itself as lower tolerance levels and higher frustration.

Most of you will be missing out on something special at home, which could result in a change to your positive attitude and professional standards here. Please keep an eye on yourself as well as others. I ask that you continue to be strong and positive as leaders, followers and Wingmen. As you enjoy the holidays as much as possible within the limitations we have, keep an eye out for others while remaining focused on the task at hand.

You've all done great things during this deployment and the finish line is just on the other side of the holidays. You are helping to give the nation of Iraq a special gift of opportunity for a better life. That is something you can feel satisfaction for and something we can all be proud of this Christmas.

Thank you for your dedication, sacrifices and outstanding performance. I am so proud to be serving along side of you.

My best to each of you and your families this holiday season.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

Chief Master Sgt. Cindy Davis

## PERSCO from page 2

Soldiers to Ali Base and say farewell to those departing. All incoming servicemembers will get their first briefings about life at Ali Base/Camp Adder when they arrive at the RCC. Most importantly, the RCC will allow for immediate accountability of all personnel.

While the RCC has just opened, it's business as usual at Bldg 420 (north Bedrock parking area.)

One reason many people visit is to accomplish re-enlistments. Re-enlistments are a time of excitement, anticipation, and celebration for the member who raises their hand to serve another term in our Air Force. It's a simple ceremony; just raise your hand, say the Oath of Enlistment, and sign some paperwork right? Not quite. The outstanding folks at PERSCO are working diligently behind the scenes with the Air Force Personnel Center to make sure everything in your records is up to date. This records check affects all aspects of your Air Force life: pay, testing dates, assignments, etc.



The 407th AEG PERSCO team includes (from left) Staff Sgt. Mark Douglas, Senior Airman April Parker, Staff Sgt. Nicole Eisenbarth and Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Jones.

So next time you've decided to re-enlist and after you sign on the dotted line, thank a PERSCO representative for all they do.

# The mystery of Christmas

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu

407th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain

Christmas is certainly one of the most joyful times of the year.

The magic of these days probably comes from the desire to overcome the cold and darkness of the winter season, when nights are longest and days are coldest for people in the northern hemisphere.

Ancient people lit bonfires to warm themselves and prayed to the gods for a quick return of the sun's warmth. Similar deities exist in almost every culture representing these beliefs, which are translated into worships and celebrations by all major religions.

The Hindus celebrate Diwali (the Sanskrit word describes the array of lights that represent a victory of brightness over darkness) and is known in Western culture as the five-day Festival of Lights, marking the victory of good over evil.

The Jews celebrate Chanukah, the eight-day Festival of Lights beginning the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev (Dec. 26 this year) which commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus and their rededication of the defiled Temple of Jerusalem.

Christians celebrate Christmas (from Christ Mass). The Christmas feast commemorates the birth of Christ and related events: visits of the shepherds, magi and others recorded in the gospels.

The word Christmas came to the Christian vocabulary in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, but the timing of the feast may have originated with the conversion of pagan practices into Christianity. One of the most common thoughts about its origin is the transference from Saturnalia, the feast of Saturn, the Roman Sun God – to –Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ – the Light of the World. Over the years many activities have been added to the feast and the focal point of Christmas now seems to be its commercialism.

But there is definitely a magic about Christmas, and the cause for the excitement stems from the miracle of the first Christmas: the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. Today's modern world requires us to take some quiet time to dream and wonder in order to be in touch



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu

with the mystery of Christmas story.

The mystery is the hidden side of God.

Many of you will hear the Christmas story at church services, in social entertainment and in personal devotion. We will wonder again about the behaviors of Herod, shepherds and magi...we will contemplate the burden imposed on Mary and Joseph...we will imagine the angels and the good tidings they bring...we will be caught up in the Christmas mystery...

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom His favor rests."

The 407th Air Expeditionary Group Chaplain Service Team wishes you and yours blessings and peace this Christmas and into the New Year.

## Air Force needs volunteers for extended deployments

12/15/2005 - **RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP)** — As the Air Force accepts new roles in the global war on terrorism, the need grows for hundreds of Airmen to volunteer for one-year extended deployments to fill critical positions.

Officer and enlisted Airmen in almost every major career field are needed for U.S. Central Command joint task force positions with report dates throughout calendar year 2006.

Officers should contact their assignment teams for a list of extended deployment opportunities and to indicate their interest and availability. Enlisted members can view a list of opportunities and volunteer via the Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing Plus.

The Air Force Personnel Center will consider backfills for personnel selected for extended deployments on a case-by-case basis.

Airmen who volunteer may request a follow-on assignment or elect to remain at their home station after the extended temporary duty assignment if manning permits.

Should the Air Force not receive enough volunteers, center officials will identify the most eligible non-volunteers.

Selected Airmen may extend their current enlistment or re-enlist to obtain sufficient retainability to complete the temporary duty assignment. Airmen without the required retainability or an active duty service commitment who decline the TDY must separate or retire under the current Air Force policy.

For more details, and a list of frequently asked questions, log on to the personnel center Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/extendedTDYs/extendedtdy.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/extendedTDYs/extendedtdy.htm) or call DSN 665-4273.



# Simple word, complex task

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

**A**MMO seems self-explanatory a far as four letter words go. Ironically though, not many people know what AMMO does—especially here at Ali Base—according to their flight chief, Master Sgt. Winfred Graves.

The six-man team is responsible for supporting U.S. and Iraqi countermeasure requirements for the C-130s of both air forces here. They also manage 16 munitions supply point accounts for unit organizations, provide lateral munitions support to other bases throughout the AOR in the form of munitions out shipments and maintain a munitions stockpile comprised of 661 line items, valued at \$1.8 million. These accounts and the stockpile must have a 100 percent inventory each quarter.

That's a hefty task for six people. As chaff and flares are expended during real- world missions of the AOR the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron AMMO Flight Airmen are building replacement munitions, delivering assets to aircraft and tracking the inventory and serviceability of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group's munitions stockpile. Add to this one more task.

"From day one, even though we came from three different bases, we all agreed that we were going to leave this operation better than we found it," said Sergeant Graves.

Part of this initiative was rewarded this month when improvements in the way ammunition is stored was recognized by the wing safety office: the 777th EAS AMMO Flight earned the monthly Sultans of Safety Award for November.

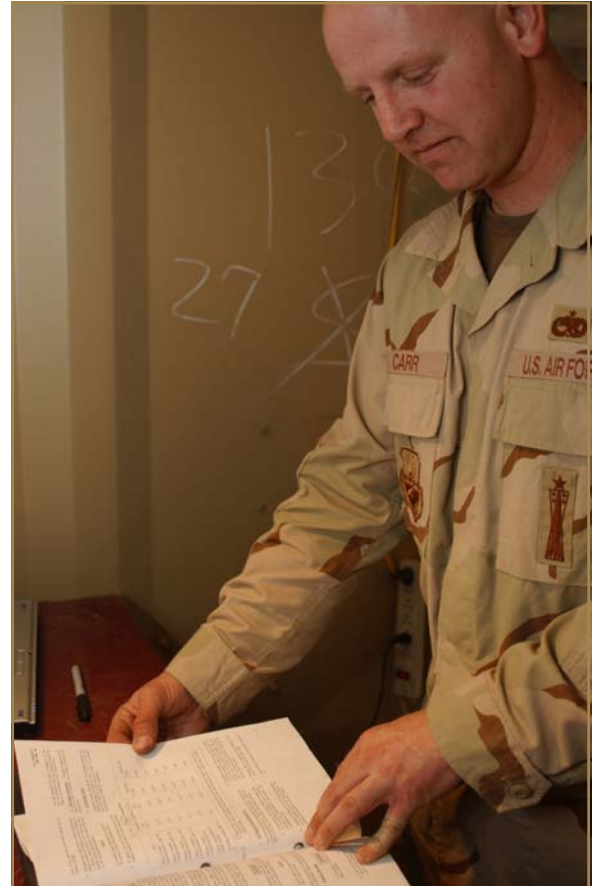
The frequent use of ammo, combined with differing service lives

based on type, creates a challenging environment for a closely monitored asset. Ammo is broken down into type, lot number (identifying where and when the ammo or component was manufactured) and classification. Ammunitions enter the inventory as others are removed, inspected and reclassified by the quality control inspectors of the flight.

Reclassification of ammo starts yet another process the AMMO Airmen have to follow to the letter of the technical order. Once munitions assets reaches its service life end date (which starts the day the asset is assembled or placed into use, is effected by the environment in which it's stored) it has to be inspected and reclassified. Reclassification addresses what happens next to the physical asset and the entries on the inventory. The ammo is reclassified for lower priority use (training or non-tactical), stored, transferred or marked for disposal locally by the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight.

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**AMMO**



Staff Sgt. Rob Carr refers to a technical order to verify how temperature has effected the service life of an ammunition lot.



Master Sgt. Winfred Graves (right) accepts a safety award from Capt. Derek Jewell, 407th AEG safety office.



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Whatever the disposition, with a million rounds on base there's always something to track and update.

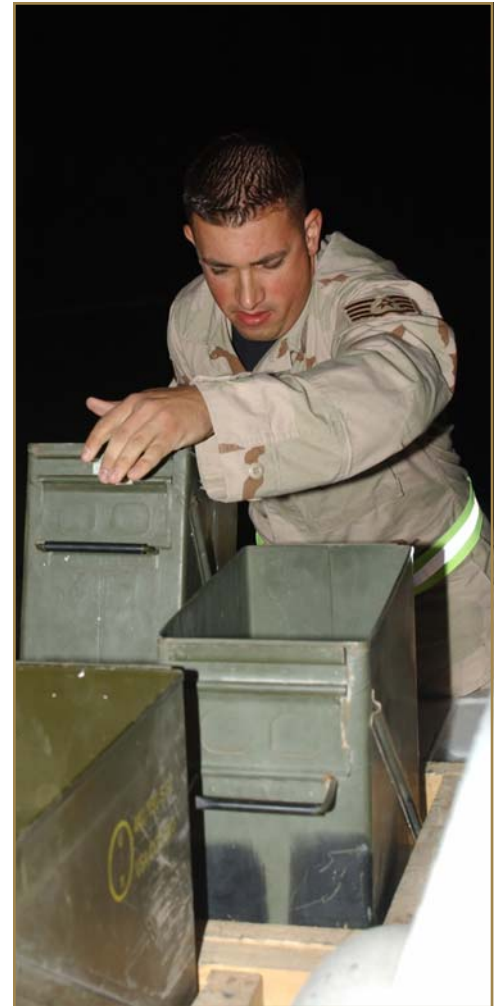
This constant activity within the inventory makes for an interesting deployment.

"I'm really enjoying learning all of the different things that happen with the [munitions] as it moves through the system," said Senior Airman Tom Modafferi, 777th EAS AMMO journeyman.

This activity also means the six-man crew works with a lot of people.

"I really like being involved with the other base agencies we have to deal with (the 16 ammunition accounts)," said Senior Airman Andrew Kaufmann, on his second deployment to Iraq. "And knowing that the [munitions] are being used for a good cause—protecting people—really makes it great."

Staff Sgt. Eric Haselby (Right) and Senior Airman Andrew Kaufmann exchange munitions boxes before service-life limits are reached for a redeploying C-130.



## EXAMPLE from page 3

more casual wear styles just doesn't fit well into the scheme of good discipline here.

For those of you wanting to dig deeper into this decision—or another issue you question—think about how a parent responds to their child when the child asks why they have to do something when other kids don't. How does the parent respond? I bet you know the answer.

The Air Force is different from the family decision making process in some ways. Typically, your immediate supervisor is probably not the one who established the rule or procedure in question. However, the supervisor is responsible for enforcing the standards, and if these are not enforced an unwanted behavior will be established or enforced.

The most important thing supervisors can do to reduce questions about "why me?" is to set the example in tone, attitude and action.

The power of setting the right example can't be overemphasized. It's the best way for leaders and supervisors to communicate the right message. Subordinates are more apt to follow a leader who leads through example, without disconnects between their words and actions. Leadership is

more than something that automatically goes with an official title like supervisor, manager, instructor, dad, mom, pastor, chief, or commander. Those who want to lead must first set a good example.

We can be assured there will always be somebody concerned about what others are doing, but if we do what we are asked to do, and supervisors lead by example, everybody will be simply too busy to worry about anyone else's lane.

As leaders we need to focus on our own lane, make it a habit, explain or clarify the rule or order when necessary, but quickly get back to the mission at hand. And just like changing lanes on a highway, check your mirrors, look over the shoulder, and once you've moved over get back to watching your own lane again.

The Air Force is far ahead of many organizations in providing communications channels to address any issue in an appropriate manner. The chain of command, councils representing many special interests, and formal groups are available for Airmen to use if they feel a policy needs to change or be more fully explained. Each of these channels of communication is a valid way to address your concerns; meanwhile, existing rules still apply.



## A new chapter in airspace domination...

# Air Force declares F-22A operational

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. - The Air Force's most advanced weapon system is ready for combat, Air Force officials here announced Thursday.

In reaching initial operational capability, the F-22A Raptor has been certified ready for employment.

Declaring the transformational fighter IOC means the Raptor's proven capabilities are now available for use in combat around the globe and are supported by a properly trained and equipped force. It also means the aircraft is qualified to perform homeland defense missions when required. In the words of Gen. Ronald E. Keys, Air Combat Command commander, "If we go to war tomorrow, the Raptor will go with us."

"F-22A IOC means our warfighters now have an unprecedented lethal mix of air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities at their disposal," General Keys said. "The Raptor's cutting-edge technology brings us continued joint air dominance despite advancing enemy threats."

Reaching the IOC milestone culminates a collaborative effort between Air Force organizations and the service's industry partners over the past 25 years. The road to IOC included the F-22A System Program Office turning Air Force requirements into a successful acquisition program; developmental flight test and evaluation, simulation and ground testing at Edwards AFB, Calif., and Eglin AFB, Fla.; engine testing at Arnold AFB, Tenn.; missile testing at Holloman AFB, N.M., and over the Pacific Test Range; tactics development at Nellis AFB, Nev.; pilot and maintenance training at Tyndall AFB, Fla.; and deployability here.

"The F-22A fulfills a long quest to bring fifth-generation capabilities of stealth, supercruise and precision to the warfighter today and 30 years from today," General Keys said. "Now that we have met our first promised milestone of a fully capable, multi-mission platform ready for combat, we are already focused on furthering our integrated tactics development, refining our deployability, and growing and training our force. To add to what we learned on our successful first operational deployment to the Utah Test and Training Range to drop (joint direct attack



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Bloker

Crew chief Staff Sgt. Adam Murtishaw does a post flight inspection on an F-22A Raptor after a Dec. 14 mission. The 27th Fighter Squadron earned initial operating capability Dec. 15, which means the stealth jet is combat ready. Sergeant Murtishaw is with the 27th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

munitions), fly against double-digit (surface-to-air missiles) at Nellis, and work (close air support) with F-16 FAC-As, we will conduct our first routine peacetime exercise deployment by taking 12 Raptors to Alaska in June for Northern Edge."

Designed to ensure America's air dominance for years to come, the F-22A will ensure U.S. joint forces' freedom from attack and freedom to attack, even as adversaries continue to advance their weapons and technologies.

"As I told (Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. (T. Michael) Moseley, he and I have spent our lifetime executing, instructing, and providing air dominance for the joint force. Lamentably, we have never been privileged to hold a weapon like this in our hands. After reviewing our test results, seeing our operational deployment performance, and talking to the pilots that will go to war with it, I am confident that the F-22A joins the combat force at a far more mature and capable level than any of our previous great aircraft, and will take its rightful place in a long line of U.S. Air Force legends of the air," General Keys said.

The first combat-ready Raptors are assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, one of three squadrons assigned to the 1st Fighter Wing here.

The squadron's current combat deployment capability with the F-22A is a 12-ship package designed to execute air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.



## Reveille and Retreat: The Proper Respect



### IN BEDROCK:

ALL PERSONNEL IN UNIFORM AND OUTSIDE MUST FACE THE FLAG AND SALUTE DURING THE RAISING AND LOWERING OF THE FLAG.

BECAUSE THERE IS NO MUSIC PLAYED AT THE SITE DURING THE RAISING AND LOWERING OF THE FLAG, ALL PERSONNEL IN UNIFORM WHO ARE NOT IN FORMATION SHOULD HALT, COME TO ATTENTION AND THEN SALUTE.

HOLD THE SALUTE UNTIL THE FLAG IS HOISTED TO THE FLAG-STAFF HEAD WHEN THE FLAG IS BEING RAISED.

HOLD THE SALUTE UNTIL THE DETAIL DETACHES THE FLAG FROM THE HALYARD (ROPE) WHEN THE FLAG IS BEING LOWERED. CARRY ON WITH NORMAL ACTIVITY AFTER THE FLAG HAS BEEN SECURED BY THE FLAG DETAIL.

ALL VEHICLES SHOULD COME TO A STOP AT THE FIRST SITE OF DETAIL RAISING AND LOWERING THE FLAG. THE OCCUPANTS SHOULD SIT QUIETLY UNTIL THE DETAIL IS CONCLUDED.

## A Beautiful, fire-free season in Bedrock

On behalf of the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Ali Base Fire and Emergency Services Flight I'd like to wish you all seasons' greetings and offer some reminders about tent fire safety.

Christmas lights and decorations are allowed and encouraged here at Ali Base. Decorating the outside of your living area is one way to try to bring a piece of home to a deployed location during this time of year. However, for the safety of everybody living in Bedrock there are some things that need to be taken into consideration as you decorate.

All lighting and decorations must comply with 407th Air Expeditionary Group Instruction 32-2001, Fire Prevention Program, Section 6.1:

- Plug-in decorations of any kind cannot be used inside residential tents (such as lights on a 2' Christmas tree).
- Lights can only be displayed outside of tents.
- No more than two strands of lights can be connected.

- All lights must have the Underwriters Laboratory approval sticker on them.
- Large style bulbs are prohibited.
- Only lights and wiring approved by the fire protection flight are authorized.
- Electrical lights are prohibited on artificial trees made of metal.
- All draperies, curtains, and similar furnishings and decorations must be flame resistant/retardant; fire protection flight evaluation and approval is necessary.
- Ensure decorations do not block exit signs or come within 18 inches of smoke detectors.

If you have any questions please contact the fire prevention office at 445-2079.

Have a safe holiday season.

Tech. Sgt. Chip M. Dennison, assistant chief, fire prevention





# Holiday Greetings

I would like to wish my family the very best this holiday season. I'm not there to share this season with them, but my heart is.

Carlos, Antonio, Mom, Dad, Marti, Mark and everyone else- I love you! Happy Holidays! Staff Sgt. **Monica M. Pubillones**, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron



Kari, Kailia and Baby-to-be-Maia.

Hi Love, I know I can not be there right now. So I am sending this message filled with all my love my hopes and my dreams for the Christmas Season and for the New Year! I love you and miss you ... I will be home soon.

Love, Gregg  
Tech. Sgt. **Gregg M. Rankin**, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron



From Tech. Sgt. **Jeff Reimert**, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, to my soul mate and beautiful wife Sherry Reimert. Baby, our hearts beat as one and I long for the day you're in my arms. You will "Love the way I love you" once again. I love you! Today, tomorrow and



I want to wish Merry Christmas to my family and friends at Grand Forks Air Force Base, and across the US.

Lt. Col. **Jerry Perkins**, 407th Air Expeditionary Group deputy commander







# Holiday Greetings



I want to send my Love and best wishes home to my beautiful wife Siggie, daughter Tatiana, unborn belly baby, and our families who have been incredibly supportive and already given me everything I have ever wanted out of life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!  
**Capt. Dimitri Christos Martini**,  
 407th Air Expeditionary Group  
 comptroller/budget Officer

Sending a special Christmas Greeting to wife, Laurie; sons, Elijah & Noah; and daughters, Sarah & Caroline. I love you all very much and look forward to hugging you and sharing the Christmas blessing of family with you when I get home shortly! With much love!  
 Dad/David  
**Chaplain (Capt.) David W. Kelley**, 407th  
 Air Expeditionary Group chaplain



I want to wish my wife Natalie, sons Kyle and Zachary and Bosko the dog back home in Lebanon, Maine, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I miss you all terribly and appreciate all of your support during this deployment. See you in a few months! Love, Me.  
**Master Sgt. Lawrence Astle**, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces  
 Squadron Echo Sector days flightchief





# Holiday Greetings

Senior Master Sgt. **Bill Megnin** from the 407th Expeditionary Logistic Readiness Squadron sends a warm Christmas greeting to my wife Carol, our families and our friends. Even though the miles separate us, our love and faith will keep us strong until we can be reunited. During this time let us keep in our heart the real meaning of Christmas. Merry Christmas to all of you and look forward to seeing you soon!



I want to take this special time of year to wish my wife Cathy, my daughter Allie and my son Charlie a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Even though I am deployed to Iraq, all of the holiday memories and traditions that we celebrate are special. I love and miss you.  
Chief Master Sgt. **Jeffery A. Barnes** 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my family in Germany and parents in Darien. BJ, Sarah, Matthew, and Victoria enjoy our last Christmas in Germany. I'll be thinking of you as celebrate in our family way. I am looking forward to being together soon. Thank you for all the great things you have done to help get me through this fall. You have helped me keep a song in my heart and smile on my face. I know that you also feel it is important to give the Iraqi people a chance for a better life. Peace on Earth, and God Bless you.  
Love, Dad  
Col. **Don Palandech**, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander







*Photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean*

# Test, repair...



# fly!

While testing the missile early warning system on a C-130, Staff Sgt. Ronald Roe (upper left) and Tech. Sgt. Rogelio Martinez (upper right), 777th EAS maintenance, discover a faulty sensor and change it. After everything checked out the news is passed to Staff Sgt. Chris Homan, also 777th EAS maintenance, (left.)

## Identify This



### Do you know what this is?

If you can identify the object, e-mail the paper at [Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil](mailto:Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil) with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. Thursday Dec. 22.

All correct entries will be placed in a box and three winners will be randomly selected at Combat Bingo (at the Big Top) at 7:30 p.m., Friday Dec. 23.

Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.

Winners will receive a complimentary T-shirt or coin from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. The winners selected from those correctly identifying the Hesco Barrier frame pictured in the Nov. 25 *Ali Times* are: Staff Sgts. **David Brodbeck** (ECES), **Joji Johnson** (ESVS) and **James Ludwigsen** (ELRS).



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

### Nameless Man (sand [snow]substitute)

Tech. Sgt. James Ralls needs help naming the Sandman he built at the Ali Base Fire and Rescue Department compound: e-mail Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Barnes with suggestions.

## 407th AEG Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sachiko Jones

### Staff Sgt. Joji Johnson

#### Unit:

407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

#### Duty title:

Lodging customer service representative

#### Home station:

35th Services Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan

#### Why other warriors say she's a warrior:

"Stellar Troop! Staff Sgt. Johnson takes exceptional pride in his work at the Freedom Inn. He took the initiative to compare the lodging database with PERSCO to ensure 100 percent accountability of tent city residents and he dedicated countless hours to assist the Hot Spot with setup of events and providing security during several Ziggurat tours."

—Tech. Sgt. Sachiko Jones, 407th ESVS Lodging Manager

#### Most memorable Air Force experience:

"Being deployed here in Iraq, working with some of the most awesome people. Getting stationed at my birthplace of Okinawa, Japan, and meeting my wife."

#### Family:

"My wife and son are my love, they are very supportive of me while I'm deployed here. I Can't wait to see them both miss them a lot."

#### Hobbies:

"Spending time with my family and friends; running, driving and exploring the local area of Japan."

## Redeployment Tip:

There is only one approved method of disposal for uniform items that you don't want to carry home: The Uniform Disposal Drop-off Box at the Hot Spot



# Serenity in the sand

## faith-based services schedule

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group **Oasis of Peace** chapel, unless otherwise noted. The Oasis is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, or directions to worship locations, please call 445-2006.

### FRIDAY

1 p.m., Muslim prayer/ service: (temporarily unav.)  
6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
6:30 p.m., Jewish Service: Army Religious Activities Center (ARAC)  
7 p.m., Bible Study: ARAC  
7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal: Army Post Chapel (APC)  
8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous: ARAC annex

### SATURDAY

5:30 p.m., Catholic Confession: Oasis Office  
6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass: Oasis  
7 p.m., Kick the Camel (quit smoking) club: ARAC

### SUNDAY

7:30 a.m., Catholic Confession: Oasis Office; Traditional Protestant Service: APC  
8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis; Church of Christ Service: ARAC  
8:30 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service: Sapper Chapel; Sunday School: APC  
9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service: Oasis  
10 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service: APC; , Latter Day Saints Service: ARAC  
10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Camp Cedar  
1 p.m., Gospel Service: APC  
7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Service: Oasis

### SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

7:30 p.m., Contemporary Christian Service: Sapper Chapel  
8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous: ARAC  
**MONDAY**  
6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
7 p.m., Protestant Bible Study: Sapper Chapel  
7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study/fellowship: Oasis

### TUESDAY

Noon, Alcoholics Anonymous: ARAC Annex  
6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
8 p.m., Catholic Study: Oasis Annex; Combat Bible Study: ARAC

### WEDNESDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
7 p.m., Spanish Bible Study: ARAC; Midweek Service Discussion: APC  
7:30 p.m., Protestant Evening Service: APC; Mens Bible Study: APC  
8 p.m., Purpose Driven Life Bible Study: Oasis Annex

### THURSDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study: ARAC  
7 p.m., Latter Day Saints Study: ARAC  
7:30 p.m., Workmans' Fellowship: RAC; A Man and His World Bible Study: Oasis

# CRICKET MOVIE THEATER

## at the Hot Spot

Today's times and movie descriptions for the week

**Bewitched** (2005), 1 a.m., 11 a.m., 9 p.m., *Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell*, comedy/fantasy

**Devil's Reject** (2005), 3 a.m., 1 p.m., 11 p.m., *Sid Haig, Bill Moseley*, action/crime

**Wedding Date** (2005), 5 a.m., 3 p.m., *Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney*, comedy/romance

**The Medallion** (2003), 7 a.m., 5 p.m., *Jackie Chan, Lee Evans*, comedy/action

**Kung Fu Hustle** (2004), 9 a.m., 7 p.m., *Stephen Chow, Xiaogang Feng*, action/comedy

**Cinderella Man** (2005), *Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger*, Biography/drama (9 p.m.: Big Top)

**Fever Pitch** (2005), *Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon*, comedy/drama (2 p.m. Sunday, Big Top)

**Your's, Mine & Ours** (2005), *Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo*, comedy/family (4 p.m. Sunday, Big Top)

### Saturday

Wedding Date ..... 1 a.m.  
The Medallion ..... 3 a.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 5 a.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 7 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 9 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 11 a.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 1 p.m.  
The Medallion ..... 3 p.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 5 p.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 7 p.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 9 p.m.  
Bewitched ..... 11 p.m.

### Sunday

Kung Fu Hustle ..... 1 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 3 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 5 a.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 7 a.m.  
The Medallion ..... 9 a.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 11 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 1 p.m.  
Bewitched ..... 3 p.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 5 p.m.  
Bewitched ..... 7 p.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 9 p.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 11 p.m.

### Monday

The Medallion ..... 1 a.m.  
Yours, Mine, & Ours .. 3 a.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 5 a.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 7 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 9 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 11 a.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 1 p.m.  
Bewitched ..... 3 p.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 5 p.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 7 p.m.  
The Medallion ..... 9 p.m.  
Yours, Mine, & Ours 11 p.m.

### Tuesday

Cinderella Man ..... 1 a.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 3 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 5 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 7 a.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 9 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 11 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 1 p.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 3 p.m.  
The Medallion ..... 5 p.m.  
Yours, Mine, & Ours .. 7 p.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 9 p.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 11 p.m.

### Wednesday

Devil's Reject ..... 1 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 3 a.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 5 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 7 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 9 a.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 11 a.m.  
The Medallion ..... 1 p.m.  
Yours, Mine, & Ours .. 3 p.m.  
Bewitched ..... 5 p.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 7 p.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 9 p.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 11 p.m.

### Thursday

Fever Pitch ..... 1 a.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 3 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 5 a.m.  
Kung Fu Hustle ..... 7 a.m.  
Bewitched ..... 9 a.m.  
The Medallion ..... 11 a.m.  
Wedding Date ..... 1 p.m.  
Devil's Reject ..... 3 p.m.  
Yours, Mine, & Ours .. 5 p.m.  
Cinderella Man ..... 7 p.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 9 p.m.  
The Medallion ..... 11 p.m.

# Bedrock and beyond...

## activities to keep you fit, happy and hungry for more

### Today

9 a.m., **4 on 4 Basketball**: Bedrock Courts  
 5 p.m., **Tang Soo Do**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 7:30 p.m., **Bingo**: Big Top  
 8 p.m., **Dominoes**: ARC  
 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP  
 9 p.m., **"Cinderella Man"**: Big Top

### Saturday

2:30 p.m., **Pilates**: Muscle Beach (DVD)  
 5:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 7 p.m., **Choir and Play**: Big Top  
 7 p.m., **3 on 3 Basketball**: ARC  
 7 p.m., **Video Game TNYs**: ARC  
 8:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)

### Sunday

noon, **Tae Kwon Do**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 2 p.m., **"Fever Pitch"**: Big Top  
 2:30 p.m., **Pilates**: Muscle Beach (DVD)  
 4 p.m., **Volleyball**: Bedrock Courts  
 4 p.m., **"Your's, Mine & Ours"**: Big Top  
 6 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP  
 7 p.m., **Karaoke**: Big Top  
 8 p.m., **Darts**: ARC

### Monday

5 p.m., **Tang Soo Do**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 8 p.m., **Ping Pong**: ARC  
 8 p.m., **Win, Lose or Draw**: Hot Spot  
 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

### Tuesday

9 a.m., **Quarterback Challenge**: Bedrock Courts  
 2:30 p.m., **Yoga**: Muscle Beach (DVD)  
 5:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 6 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP  
 8 p.m., **9-Ball**: Big Top  
 8 p.m., **Scrabble TNY**: ARC  
 8:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)

### Wednesday

8 a.m., **Health, Morale and Wefare Council**:  
 Chapel Annex  
 2:30 p.m., **Pilates**: Muscle Beach (DVD)  
 6 p.m., **3-point Shootout**: Bedrock Courts

6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 7 p.m., **Family Fued**: Big Top  
 8 p.m., **Spades TNY**: ARC  
 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

### Thursday

9:30 a.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 5 p.m., **3 on 3 Volleyball**: Bedrock Courts  
 5:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)  
 6 p.m., **Cardio mix**: HOP  
 8 p.m., **9-Ball**: ARC  
 8 p.m., **Texas Hold 'Em**: Big Top  
 8:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)

(I)—Instructor

TNY—Tournament

HOP—House of Pain, Army Fitness Center

ARC—Army Recreation Center

## Holiday Planner...

**Dec. 17** (Saturday, 7 p.m.), Christmas Choir and "If Angels Were Mortal," a holiday play: Big Top

**Dec. 19**, 8 p.m., Win, lose or Draw: Big Top

**Dec. 23** (Friday), 7:30 p.m., Christmas Combat Bingo and a movie, all prizes gift wrapped-winner's choice: Big Top

**Dec. 24**, Movies- 10 a.m. (A Christmas Carol), noon (Dr. Suess: How the Grinch Stole Christmas), 2 p.m. (The Santa Clause), 4 p.m. (The Santa Clause 2): Big Top

**Dec. 24**, 6:30 p.m., Protestant Candlelight Service: Oasis Chapel

**Dec. 24**, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve in the Courtyard, Army MWR Courtyard/Adder Common—pageant, Christmas stories, tree lighting, carols, chaplain's message, units are welcome to take unit ornament for the tree

**Dec. 24**, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Hip Hop and cards: Big Top

**Dec. 24**, 11:30 p.m., Catholic Mass: Big Top

**Dec. 25**, faith-based services according to regularly published schedule except the Protestant Contemporary Worship Service: change to 4 p.m. this day only.

**Dec. 25**, 7 p.m., Christmas caroling and play ("The Plight Before Christmas," holiday/comedy), hot chocolate, cider, cookies and prizes: Big Top

**Dec. 31** (Saturday), 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., New Year's Party, Casino Night and Dance (party favors and sparkling cider at midnight): Big Top

**Dec. 31**, 9 p.m., Protestant WatchNight Service: Army Chapel

**Jan. 1**, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., movies; 7 p.m., karaoke: Big Top

**Jan. 1**, Faith-based services according to regular schedule.